Ban on the use of religioos places for election propaganda

886. SHPul SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Wili the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commis sion has made a recommendation to Government recently to the effect that laws should be enacted prohibiting the use of the place of worship and religious pace for the purpose of election propaganda; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) by when Government propose to enact such a law and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ); (a) Yes, Sir. The 'Model Code of Conduct for the Guidance of Political Parties and Candidates stipulates that •mosques, churches, temples or other places of worship shall not be used as a forum for election propaganda'. With a view to making some of the serious violations of the Code as electoral offenses, the Election Commission has also *inter alia* recommended that a specific provision may be made in the Representation of the People Act, 1951, to prevent use of mosques, churches, temples and other places of worship as a forum for election purposes and prescribing suitable penalty for default.

(b) This proposal forms part of the set of proposa's on electoral reforms and Government would take final decision after consultation with political parties. It would not be feasible at thist stage to indica'e the time by which this matter can be finalised.

Setting op of new industry in every district

897. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Wil the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) what is the policy of Government to start a new Industry in 8T«ry district;

(b) how many *no industry' dis-tricts are there in India and what is the number thereof in Maharashtra; and

(c) whether Government propose to establish industrial estates in every taluka keeping in view taluka a* a unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM). (a) Industrialisation of specific districts/areas is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The Central Government supplements their efforts by providing various incentives and concessions for setting up industries in identified backward areas.

(b) There are 93 'No Industry Districts' in India and in Maharashtra, Gadchiroli is the only 'No Industry District'.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Budgeting- procedures of public sector undertakings

898. SHRI *R.* MOHANARANGAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce any change in the present budgeting procedures of the public sector undertakings, keeping in view the changing computerisation policy of Government, for evaluation of the progress made; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) At present there is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

Target of cement production

899 SHRI KALPNATH RAI; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the target for production of cement during the year 1985-86;